

JOY to the World this Week

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH / 717 FM 359, RICHMOND, TX 77406 / (281) 762-3310

Joy (ELCA) is a participating congregation with Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Reform)

PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for June 6, 2010

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — www.joyrichmond.org

OUR VALUES:

Faithful, Family, Friendly, Fun

OUR VISION:

Joy to the World!

OUR MISSION:

Called by God, we reach out joyfully to share Jesus Christ with all people by building healthy relationships with God and one another.

Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Joy Worship Schedule

CELEBRATION WORSHIP — Sunday, 8:00a

A traditional worship experience led by the Joy Choir, organ, Joyful Tooters, lay liturgists, and special music.

SPIRIT TOUCHING SPIRIT — Sunday, 10:30a

A contemporary worship experience led by the Praise Band @ Joy and lay liturgists, using a variety of contemporary Christian music and liturgies.

Joy Leadership

MINISTERS

Every Person in the Body of Christ is a Disciple! You are Jesus' front-line disciples who spread Joy in daily life. We firmly believe that God is empowering you every day as you seek to fulfill your divine calling as a disciple who makes disciples!

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Becky Ohm — Council Chairperson; **John Garrou** — Council Vice-Chairperson; **Larry Mikeska** — Secretary; **Beth Horstman** — Treasurer; **Dave Willis** — Financial Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Laura Cabato — Social Ministry; **Rick Curry** — Property; **Kathy Gann** — JoyLife; **John Garrou** — Evangelism; **Wayne Leith** — Stewardship; **Larry Mikeska** — Communication; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry (FDIC)

MINISTRY LEADERS

June Tesch — Joyful Women; **Paula Curry** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Brett Carleton** — Growing in Joy (GIJ); **Vicki Schoppe** — Staffing Team

STAFF

Tim Christ — Pastor; **Terri Clark** — Administrative Assistant; **Darin Mielke** — Joy Choir Director; **Lou Gross** — Joyful Tooters; **Carol Boenig & Audrey Stoneburner** — Organists; **Tammy Canterbury, Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Praise Band

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS — Refreshments are available in the narthex between worship services.

COMPLETE WORSHIP FOLDERS — are available from the ushers for those who desire. Be sure and ask!

CRY ROOM — A nursery/cry room is available and staffed during worship. The nursery is available for all children up to and including age 4. It is located just down the hallway on the left side.

GENERAL INFORMATION — A variety of information sources are located in the narthex, particularly on the bulletin boards and the tables.

PRAYER CHAIN — Call Lou Gross or June Tesch if you have a prayer request.

QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS & CONCERNS — Contact council chairperson— **Becky Ohm** in the evenings, or Pastor Christ anytime (832-549-4985).

RESTROOMS — Both men's and women's restrooms are located just down the hall on the right hand side.

RECYCLE — Please recycle your bulletins, etc., in the bin provided in the foyer.

VISIT DESIRED — If you would like a visit from the Pastor or a lay disciple for any reason, call the church office during regular office hours, or contact the Pastor directly at (832-549-4985).

This week of Joy to the World —

Today — 2nd Sunday after PENTECOST

— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a

— Christian Ed: 9:15a

— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a

— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a

Monday

— Pericope: 1p

— FDIC/Social Ministry Mtg.: 6:30p

— Joy Choir: 7:30p

Thursday

— ELST Ministerium: 10a

— Praise Band: 7:30p

Thurs-Sun

— Via De Cristo

Next Sunday — 3rd Sunday after PENTECOST

— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a

— Christian Ed: 9:15a

— Summer Sunday school: 9:15a

— Peer Ministry Training: 9:15a

— New Disciple Orientation: Noon

—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!

Ministry Opportunities

WELCOME! — We once again welcome Pr. Ed Peterman as our guest to bring God's Word, preside at Holy Communion, and conduct the adult forum.

MEETING WITH MARK CHAVEZ — Mark Chavez of Lutheran CORE - NALC will be at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Sunday, June 20th at 7 p.m. He will speak on developing North American Lutheran Church.

PEER MINISTRY — The June Peer Ministry training class is now full. However, there is still plenty of room in the July training class! The signup sheet and schedule for the July Peer Ministry training are posted on the parking lot windows in the church entryway. Come take a risk and learn new skills to empower and equip you to live a caring ministry every day, everywhere, and in every situation!

BACK TO BASICS — Dr. James Nestigen will be presenting "The 10-Commandments" beginning June 13th in the worship center during Adult Class. The series will be repeated in July so that adults can participate in both Peer Leadership AND Back to Basics!

BABY BOTTLE BOMERANG — Supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center thru Father's Day. Baby bottles are available in the Narthex for you to pick up and donate. Thrivent will be matching donations up to \$1000.

FDIC "SUMMER OF SERVICE" — is here! This is intergenerational and parents are invited to participate with their children or anyone of any age can join. We will be showcasing the various ministries Joy is involved in as well as begin some one time one of a kind projects. We have a wide array of service projects planned and we need your help! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Items needed have been sent in the newsletter and are also available in the Narthex. Boxes are in the fellowship hall for you to bring these items. Look for the toolkit to highlight needs throughout the summer!

WANTED — Names and addresses of service men and women who are serving overseas. This will be "Christmas in July" for those serving overseas as part of the "Summer of Service" projects. Send the info to the church office or to Corinne Light.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — For Children's Message at both worship services. Materials provided. If you are interested please contact Laura Parnell.

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US!! — at Minute Maid Park for Astros Lutheran Social Services Day, on Sunday, July 11th at 1:05 p.m. Will be the Astros vs. the Cardinals! Watch the Narthex for a signup sheet so we can purchase group tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets separately go to www.astros.com/lss password: lss.

GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM — Did you know that a percentage of your Randall's bill can go to Joy? Designate Joy as your charity. For info or PDF form, go to www.randalls.com/IFL/Grocery/Good-Neighbor. There are also forms in the Narthex.

VIA DE CRISTO — "The Way of Christ" Retreat. A co-ed retreat for healthy Christians looking for enrichment June 10-13th. Contact Pastor Kastner, Becky Ohm, Bill Bray or the Richards for more details.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Will take a break for summer until Sept. 9th.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP — Meets at every Friday, 10 a.m. at Mugz Coffee Bar. If you are interested in knitting prayer shawls and/or lap robes for those in need, join us!

SHADE TREE MINISTRY — is in great need of rice and beans. Other items needed include men's work gloves and shoes.

BIRTHDAYS — 6/6 Elsbeth Baskette & Kevin Loewe; 6/7 Denyse Bray & Gayton Lieke; 6/12 Lee Lindemann

People of Prayer

Prayer is one of the marks of Discipleship. We invite everyone to grow in your prayer life. Include these persons, needs, concerns and thanksgivings in your prayers this week.

Due the extensive nature of our prayer list, we are changing our routine policy. A name will be placed on the Sunday list once and in our Newsletter list as long as requested. If you wish to have someone included several Sundays, please continue to fill out a prayer request card during worship.

Our Synod Staff: Bishop Michael Rinehart, Assistants to the Bishop: Peggy Cantos, AiM; Pr. Don Carlson; Pr. Kerry Nelson

Our Congregational Leaders: especially our Pastor, staff, and Church Council leaders.

Our Sister Congregation: Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey in Reynosa, Mexico; Bp. Bazellel Hernandez

Serving Jesus This Sunday

| | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
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| Altar Flowers | In celebration of Dan & Keli Faucett's Annv. | |
| Altar Guild | Morris/Rieders/Willis | |
| Ushers | D. Boenig & B. Horstman | Larry & Melissa Mikeska |
| Acolyte | Kelsey White | Haden Posey |
| Liturgist | Fred Kunzler | Chuck Canterbury |
| Lector | Vickie Schoppe | Dan Strode |
| Cantor | Fred Kunzler | |
| Child Sermon | Chris Parnell | Doris Goates |
| Communion | | G. & I. Carleton / B. McDow |
| Audio | Walquist | J. Goates |
| Video | B. Horstman | K. Loewe |
| Counters | Tammy Soward & Kathy Gann | |

Serving Jesus Next Sunday

| | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
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| Altar Flowers | In celebration of William & Gayton Lieke's Birthdays | |
| Altar Guild | Morris/Rieders/Willis | |
| Ushers | Bob & June Tesch | Paula & Kristen Curry |
| Acolyte | Emma Gaas | Sarah Hong |
| Liturgist | Cari White | Dan Strode |
| Lector | Jill Kunzler | John Garrou |
| Cantor | Darin Mielke | |
| Child Sermon | June Tesch | Kathy Strode |
| Communion | | M. & J. Ronning/L. Mikeska |
| Audio | B. Horstman | K. Loewe |
| Video | B. Horstman | A. Cabato |
| Counters | Melody Mielke/Bob Jahn | |

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Our Daily Joy!

FAMILY PORTRAIT ... Family News – Week of June 6, 2010

Monday, June 7

Matthew 12:22-50

These verses begin with the power of Jesus being questioned. Where did the Pharisees say his power was coming from (24)? What three defenses does Jesus give in answer to their accusations (26-27, 29)? What is Jesus saying in 30-32? What is meant by “blasphemy against the spirit” (31)? How have the Pharisees committed this sin? Why? What reasons does Jesus give for the Pharisees’ hostility (34-37)? What difference does Jesus’ power against evil make in your life? Jesus reminds us that what we say reveals what is in our hearts. Spend time in prayer asking God to fill you with new attitudes and motives.

Tuesday, June 8

Matthew 13

This chapter is filled with parables. The focus for today is the parable of the sower (1-23). Jesus uses this parable to explain why some people show the results of a healthy, balanced spiritual life, and some do not. What kind of soil were you when you first heard the gospel: hard, rocky, thorny, or good? Which kind of soil best describes you now? What do verses 18-23 reveal about the seeds? The various soils? The farmer? What can we do to produce deep roots that can help our soil remain good and faithful? What steps can you take right now to improve the soil of your spiritual life? Make a commitment to spiritual growth.

Wednesday, June 9

Matthew 14

The focus today is 22-32, immediately following the feeding of the five thousand. Why do you think Jesus separates himself from the crowd and the disciples to spend some time alone in prayer? What does his example say to us today? Why are the disciples so terrified (25-26)? How does Jesus calm their fears? What do these verses tell us about Peter? What makes him sink? How about you? Are you good at stepping out of the boat and taking risks? Are you like Peter, afraid but still looking to Jesus? Do you realize Jesus is always with you, and is really the only one who can help? Pray about where in your life God is asking you to get out of the boat.

Thursday, June 10

Matthew 15

The focus today is 1-20, where once again the Pharisees and teachers of religious law have come to scrutinize Jesus. In these verses, Jesus addresses three groups (1, 10, 12). When is Jesus the harshest? Why? How does Jesus support his charge of hypocrisy? What example does he use (5-6)? What does Isaiah say to the Pharisees in 7-9? What does he say to us today? Why does Jesus call them “blind guides?” It is not enough just to act religious. Our actions and attitudes must be sincere. It isn’t important that our outside appearance is attractive; it is what we are like on the inside that is important to God. What is something that you need to change to get your heart and your mouth more in line with each other?

Friday, June 11

Matthew 16

The focus for today is 13-20. In these verses, Jesus is asking his disciples who people say the Son of Man is. Why do they say he was one of these: John the Baptist (John 1), Elijah (1 Kings 17), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 2) or one of the great prophets (Deuteronomy 18:18)? What is significant about Peter’s confession? How do you interpret the insight (17), power (18), and authority (19) given to Peter? Peter confesses Jesus as divine, and as the long-awaited Messiah, something all subsequent believers would do. If Jesus asked you this question, how would you respond? Is he your Lord and Messiah?

Saturday, June 12

Matthew 17

The focus for today is 1-13, the transfiguration of Jesus. This is a foretaste, a special revelation of Jesus’ divinity to three of the disciples. It has been six days since Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus predicted his own death. Who does Jesus invite as witnesses? What does it mean to be transfigured? Why Moses and Elijah? (Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19 and Malachi 4:5-6 for a better understanding.) Moses and Elijah were the two greatest prophets in the Old Testament, and their presence confirmed Jesus’ messianic mission to fulfill God’s law and the words of God’s prophets. It was very important for them, and for us today, to know that Jesus is far more than a great leader, a good example, a good influence or a great prophet. He is the Son of God! Reflect on when and how you came to recognize Jesus as your Messiah.

Sunday, June 13

Psalms 32

This is a psalm of forgiveness. It records the joy and relief David found in God’s forgiveness. David tells how unconfessed sin sapped his strength like water evaporating in the summer heat (3-4). God freely forgives those who trust him and confess their sins. How has that message been real to you lately? How has God’s forgiveness spilled over to the other relationships in your life? Has God’s forgiveness helped you see yourself in a new light? Make this psalm your prayer for the day.